Reimbursement of stationing of UP PAC in Delhi

†1039. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Uttar Pradesh had sent invoice for the reimbursement of the expenses incurred for 28th May, 1986 to 31st March, 1999 on the deployment of Uttar Pradesh PAC companies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether inspite of frequent requests from the State Government, the Government of India have not reimbursed the above said expenses so far; and

(d) if so, the steps taken for early reimbursement of the abovesaid expenses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) Out of the total amount of Rs. 34,76,66,134.68 finally claimed by the Government of Uttar Pradesh on 12th August, 2004 as compensation for deployment of Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) in Delhi for the period from 28.5.1986 to 31.3.1999, Delhi Police has already reimbursed Rs. 19,96,10,005.67 in 2004-2005. Reimbursement of the balance amount of Rs. 14,80,56,730.00 depends on receipt of Audit certificate duly issued by the concerned Auditor General, from the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Bomb Blasts in Cinema Halls of Delhi

1040. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of lives lost due to bomb blasts in two cinema halls of Delhi on 22nd May, 2005 and the number of injured in those blasts;

(b) whether any ex-gratia payment has been made by Government to the next of kin of the deceased and to the injured, if so, the extent thereof;

(c) whether an inquiry into those blasts have been held;

(d) if so, the findings thereof;

(e) whether those responsible for those blasts have been apprehended; and

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(f) if so, the details thereof, indicating the terrorist organizations to which they belong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) As per information received from the Government of NCT of Delhi, one person was killed and 72 persons were injured in the bomb blasts in two cinema halls in Delhi on 22nd May, 2005. The Government of NCT of Delhi has sanctioned payment of ex-gratia amount to the next of kin of the deceased persons and to the injured persons as indicated below:

(i) Ex-gratia amount of Rs. 1 lakh to the next of kin of one deceased person;

(ii) Ex-gratia amount at the rate of Rs. 50,000/- each to two permanently incapacitated persons;

(iii) Ex-gratia amount at the rate of Rs. 20,000/- each to four grievously injured persons;

(iv) Ex-gratia amount at the rate of Rs. 1,000/- to 66 persons with minor injuries.

Payment of ex-gratia amount has been paid in all the cases except 21 cases of minor injuries. The persons concerned in these cases have not turned up to receive the payment.

(c) to (f) Inquiry into the two blast cases is in progress. Delhi Police has arrested eight persons accused in these cases. The interrogation of these accused persons has revealed that they are members of the terrorist organisation Babbar Khalsa International (BKI).

Activities of Taliban terrorists

†1041. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is increase in the activities of Talibani terrorists on the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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